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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Valente et al. Examiner: Chevalier, A.
Serial No. 09/214,971 Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: January 15, 1999 Docket No. 58009-011900
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND
MATERIAL OBTAINED BY MEANS OF SAID METHOD

I hereby certify that this correspondence and identified enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class mail, postage prepaid, under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated, and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box: Non-Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 20, 2002

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Attention: OFFICE OF PETITIONS
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of this grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicant did not receive the "Official Office Action" and was made aware of the abandonment of this application through a Notice of Abandonment. Applicant called the Examiner and discovered that an Office Action had been sent to Applicant's Attorney's prior firm. The Examiner kindly provided Applicant's attorney with a copy of the Office Action via facsimile on September 13, 2002. Applicant has been reviewing the Office Action and preparing a comprehensive response since that date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1561 the Petition for Revival Fee of \$640.00 (small entity) and Petition for Extension of Time Fee of \$980.00.

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Also enclosed with this Petition are the following documents for the Office of Petitions Consideration:

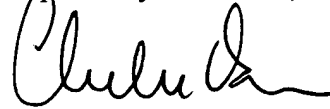
1. Amendment with Exhibits A-D and Samples 3'-6''' in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002. (A fee calculation sheet has not been included as no new claims were added and no claims were cancelled).
2. Declaration of Gabriele Valente.
3. Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal. If a CPA is not the correct course of action to take, please consider this a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to also charge the CPA Fee of \$496.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any additional fees, which may be required by this paper, as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 to Account No. 50-1561.

Should matters remain which The Office of Petitions believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Office is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: December 20, 2002

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